# **GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF OPTOMETRY**

Board Meeting Minutes Professional Licensing Boards 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA January 15, 2014 \* 10:00 a.m.

The Georgia State Board of Optometry met on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members participating:

### **Board Members Present:**

Robert McCullough, O.D.
Jerry Prchal, O.D.
Jody Whisenant, O.D.
Karen Canupp, O.D.
Betty Ann Lindsey, Consumer Member

### **Board Members Absent:**

Whitman Lord, O.D.

#### **Staff Present**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist

## **Attorney General's Office**

Wylencia Monroe , Assistant Attorney General

Dr. McCullough established a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Agenda:** Approved as presented

Meeting Minutes: October 23, 2013

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 23, 2013 open session meeting minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

### **Board Chair Report:**

- Medicated prescription contacts: Recommendation is to table this discussion until additional information can be obtained.
- CE for charity: Continuing education is required for all active licenses. Charity work does not count as continuing education.

### **Executive Director's Report:**

• Sample Disciplinary Board Actions

Executive Director, Brig Zimmerman, presented two sample tables of disciplinary issues and Board actions in use by the Nursing Board and Board of Private Detectives and Security Agencies. The item was presented for Board review and consideration.

• 89% of the licensed Optometry population has renewed their licenses as of January 14, 2014. Any license not renewed by January 31, 2014, will lapse.

### **Rule Discussion:**

- 430-10-.03 Approved Therapeutic Drugs
- 430-02-.04 Continuing Education
- 430-02-.05 Requirements for Inactive License Status

- 430-02-.06 To Reactivate an Inactive License
- 430-02-.09 To Reinstate a Lapsed License

The above rules were posted for review purposes only.

## **Correspondence:**

Newman, Timothy

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Whisenant seconded, and the Board voted to authorize the administrative staff to respond to correspondence as directed. None opposed, motion carried.

#### **Petition for Waiver/Variance:**

• Long, Alfred McCoy – Rule 430-02-.04

Ms. Lindsey moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to grant the Petition for Waiver of Rule 430-02-.04 submitted by Alfred Long. None opposed, motion carried.

### **Miscellaneous Board Discussion Item:**

Application Ratify List – October 22, 2013 to January 8, 2014:

OPT002793	Mathai, Tania
OPT002794	Turner, Miriam Jennifer
OPT002795	Desai, Shivali Piyush
OPT002796	Patel, Nisha J
OPT002797	Pierre, Pamela
OPT002798	Vesamia, Yasmin Ameena

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Whisenant seconded, and the Board voted to approve the application ratify list as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

Dr. Prchal moved, Ms. Lindsey seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §43-1-19(h)(2) and 43-1-2(k) to deliberate on application and to receive the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Robert McCullough, Jerry Prchal, Karen Canupp and Betty Ann Lindsey.

At the conclusion of Executive Session on Wednesday, January 15, 2014, the meeting was declared to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.

<b>Applications:</b>	<b>Recommendations:</b>
V. A.	Approved for renewal
T. G.	Approved for renewal
D. P.	Approved for renewal
J. S.	Approved for renewal
D. S.	Approved for renewal

Ms. Lindsey moved, Dr. Whisenant seconded, and the Board voted to approve the recommendations on applications for renewal. None opposed, motion carried.

### **Complaints/Compliance:**

Case(s) Pending Receipt of Additional Information:

OPT130002, OPT140008, OPT140011, OPT140012

Case(s) Referred to the Attorney General's Office:

OPT130010 and OPT130012/OPT140003/OPT140004/OPT140007/OPT140010

Case(s) Referred to Investigations:

OPT140005

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Canupp seconded, and the Board voted to accept the recommendations of the Cognizant report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

### **Attorney General's Report:**

A written status and activity report was provided for Board review.

Dr. Prchal moved, Dr. Whisenant seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Assistant Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

**Executive Session Minutes:** October 23, 2013

Dr. Canupp moved, Ms. Lindsey seconded, and the Board voted to approve the October 23, 2013 Executive Session minutes as presented. None opposed, motion carried.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Minutes recorded by: Hope Harrison, Board Support Specialist, HC1
Minutes reviewed and edited by: Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director, HC 1

Dr. Robert McCullough Dr. Robert McCullough, Chair

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director HC1

These minutes were approved on: April 16, 2014